

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, Claims 1-6 are withdrawn in view of the Restriction Requirement dated February 7, 2006, and Applicants' election, without traverse, of Group II (claims 7-10) for further prosecution. Claims 7, 8 and 10 are currently amended and Claim 8 has been canceled. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application as amended is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented below.

The Examiner rejected Claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite on the ground that it was "unclear and not a positive recitation what is meant by the phrase 'a kind of line of a frame.'" Applicants respectfully submit that the current amendments to Claim 10, reciting a "changes and displays a line style of a frame," overcome this rejection.

The Examiner rejected Claims 7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nanba et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,874,905). The Examiner also rejected Claims 8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nanba. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that Nanba fails to disclose or suggest a display method for a navigation system that includes displaying "traffic jam statistical information," or "the reliability of the traffic jam statistical information" as recited in amended Claims 7, 8 and 10. Generally, Nanba discloses a conventional vehicle navigation system that displays route guide information, including a driving direction ahead to be recommended when driving along a guide route recommended by the navigation device. Although Nanba recites receiving current traffic information, including realtime traffic jam information, there is no recitation or suggestion of graphically displaying traffic jam information based on its reliability. See Nanba, col. 4., line 50 to col. 5, line 10.

As explained in Applicant's Description of the Prior Art, conventional navigation systems such as Nanba display the most recent traffic jam information for a displayed road, providing the user with a current snapshot of known traffic jams, but do not provide the user with a forecast of whether a traffic jam will likely be eliminated or aggravated in the future, the reliability of the forecast, or other such traffic jam statistical information. For example, in one embodiment of the present invention, traffic information is statistically processed and a forecast of a traffic jam at an intersection or road zone is generated and displayed as a graphic which reflects the reliability of the forecasted traffic jam information. There is no disclosure or suggestion in Nanba of forecasting traffic jams, nor that it would be desirable or even possible to display "traffic jam statistical information" or "reliability" of such information on a road map as recited in Claims 7, 8 and 10.

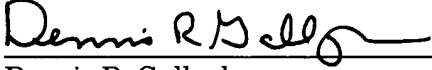
In view of the deficiencies in the cited prior art and claim amendments presented herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should the Examiner have any questions concerning this Paper. Applicants do not believe that any fees are required in connection with this Paper, however, the Office is authorized to charge any fees required to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket No. 029118.53153US).

Respectfully submitted,

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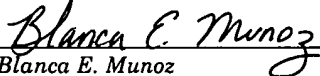

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